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It seems to me that the statement of priority research deficiencies leaves something to be desired, principally because of the imbalance between the statement of ferrous deficiencies and the statement of non-ferrous deficiencies. Specifically, a critical deficiency is said to exist for 19 non-ferrous metals, on the grounds of potential use in the Soviet guided missile program. It should be noted, first, that we have no evidence that any of these non-ferrous metals are in fact used in this program. Second, if possible use in the guided missile program justifies inclusion as a critical deficiency, then one should also include alloys of steel, which may equally likely be used in such a program.

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